



FIRE PREVENTION ORDER

Number: UTW002-12-01

USDI, Bureau of Land Management, West Desert District

EFFECTIVE: JUNE 23, 2012

Hazardous wildfire conditions are occurring in western Utah due to the lack of precipitation and the accumulation of dry vegetation. Under these extreme conditions, the occurrence of person-caused wildfires has increased significantly. This Order prohibits certain activities that are known to cause, or increase the risk of, wildfire in these extreme conditions.

Part A: Pursuant to regulations of the Department of the Interior found in 43 CFR 9212, the following acts are prohibited on all public lands, roads, trails, or waterways administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the West Desert District, within the following counties in the State of Utah: Salt Lake, Utah, Tooele, Box Elder, and Weber, until midnight of October 31, 2012, unless rescinded:

1. The use of any steel jacketed or steel core ammunition of any caliber.
2. The possession or use of all fireworks, including fireworks purchased at retail in the State of Utah.
3. The possession or use of any tracer and/or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.
4. The possession or use of any explosive or incendiary, including chemical devices.
5. The possession or use of any pyrotechnic device not listed in no. 2 -4 above. **This includes, but is not limited to, such devices as exploding targets that are detonated when struck by a projectile such as a bullet fired from a firearm.**
6. The possession or use of any destructive device. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, any homemade or manufactured cannon, mortar, or similar device.
7. The operation of any Off Road Vehicle (ORV) that is not equipped with a properly installed and functioning spark arrestor which meets the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Standard 5100-1a.
8. Knowingly creating or maintaining any large bonfire.

Part B: The following person(s) are exempt from this order:

- a. Persons specifically exempted by the District Manager for a limited duration and in the area within his jurisdiction.
- b. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire suppression or fuels management force while in the performance of their official duties.

Part C: In addition, exceptions to this order will apply to the following individuals or organizations on public lands administered by the West Desert District within Township 1 South, Range 19 West, Sections 1 and 11; and Township 1 South, Range 18 West, Sections 4, 5, and 6:

- a. The general public when **possessing or using** "Class C common state approved explosives" **which are fireworks that are purchased at retail in the state of Utah for use by a consumer in the State of Utah**, along the access road to the Bonneville Salt Flats Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) three days before, on the day of, and three days following July 4, July 24, January 1, and the Chinese New Year. The use of Class "A", "B", or "C dangerous explosives" **during this time period** are prohibited.

b. All those authorized to use fireworks or pyrotechnic devices pursuant to a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) on public lands administered by the West Desert District.

Part D: For the purposes of this Fire Prevention Order, the following definitions apply:

Destructive device: includes any type of weapon, by whatever name known which will, or which may be readily converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant, the barrel or barrels of which have a bore of more than ½ inch in diameter, **except a shotgun or shotgun shell which is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting purposes.**

Explosive, chemical, or incendiary device: Includes but is not limited to any incendiary bomb, grenade, fire bomb, chemical bomb, or similar device, which consists of or includes a breakable or nonbreakable container including a flammable liquid or compound, or any breakable container which consists of, or includes a chemical mixture that explodes with fire or force and can be carried, thrown, placed, or shot at with a firearm.

Fireworks: Fireworks are devices designed to primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks include, but are not limited to, firecrackers, sparklers, aerial shells, on other display pieces made of pyrotechnic composition. Class C which are fireworks that are purchased at retail in the State of Utah for use by a consumer in the State of Utah

Large Bonfire: Any fire with flames over three feet tall or a fire that cannot be contained within a 3 foot diameter.

Off Road Vehicle: Includes but is not limited to any motorized vehicle capable of, or designed for, travel on or immediately over land, water, or other natural terrain, excluding: 1) any non-amphibious registered motorboat; 2) any military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes; 3) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the authorized officer, or otherwise officially approved; 4) vehicles in official use; 5) any combat or combat support vehicle when used in times of natural defense emergencies.

Public lands: means any lands or interest in lands managed by the BLM. For the purposes of this Fire Prevention Order, the focus is on surface management responsibilities.

Pyrotechnic device: means any device manufactured or used to produce a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. This includes, but is not limited to, such devices as exploding targets that are detonated when struck by a projectile such as a bullet fired from a firearm.

Part E: This order is effective immediately upon 12:01 a.m. of June 23, 2012, and will remain in effect until October 31, 2012, unless rescinded. This order replaces and rescinds Fire Prevention Order UTW00000-11-01.

Any commission of an act prohibited by this Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1000.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than twelve months or both (43 CFR 9212.4).

Information concerning this Fire Prevention Order may be obtained at the Bureau of Land Management, West Desert District, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119, (801) 977-4300.



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